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To authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Singapore, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BAUCUS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Singa-
5 pore Free Trade Agreement Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) Economic growth in the United States has
2 been considerably enhanced by bilateral agreements
3 to lower barriers to United States exports.

4 (2) Increased trade and economic growth are
5 not ends in themselves. Trade and economic growth
6 should enhance the welfare and quality of life of all
7 citizens of the United States and the Republic of
8 Singapore (in this Act referred to as “Singapore”).

9 (3) Countries that open their domestic markets,
10 remove barriers to foreign direct investment, and
11 promote free enterprise, empower their citizens to al-
12 leviate poverty and maintain social and environ-
13 mental values.

14 (4) Singapore has participated fully in World
15 Trade Organization programs and policies which
16 promote open trade.

17 (5) At the 1996 World Trade Organization
18 Ministerial in Singapore, Singapore reaffirmed its
19 commitment to internationally recognized core labor
20 standards.

21 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO TRADE.**

22 It is the policy of the United States to seek the elimi-
23 nation of tariff and nontariff barriers in order to achieve
24 more open market access, on a reciprocal basis, to inter-
25 nationally traded goods and service, through bilateral free

1 trade agreements with like-minded countries. Such agree-
2 ments should address the following:

3 (1) National treatment and market access for
4 agricultural and industrial products.

5 (2) Rules for determining which goods originate
6 in the territory of the United States and Singapore.

7 (3) Customs procedures that facilitate trade
8 and collection of trade statistics, while ensuring the
9 validity of claims for preferential treatment.

10 (4) Science-based, nondiscriminatory sanitary,
11 phytosanitary, and technical standards, including
12 voluntary standards.

13 (5) Safeguard provisions for industries that
14 have sustained or are threatened with serious eco-
15 nomic injury from import surges.

16 (6) Government procurement procedures.

17 (7) National treatment and rights of establish-
18 ment for foreign direct investors.

19 (8) National treatment and market access for
20 traded services, including consumption of services
21 abroad, cross-border provision of services, rights of
22 establishment of commercial presence, and the move-
23 ment of natural persons.

24 (9) Protection of intellectual property.

1 (10) Transparency of legal and regulatory re-
2 gimes.

3 (11) Measures to promote electronic commerce.

4 (12) Trade-related environmental measures,
5 and the potential for both favorable and adverse en-
6 vironmental impacts.

7 (13) Adherence to internationally recognized
8 core labor standards.

9 **SEC. 4. NEGOTIATION OF A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH**
10 **SINGAPORE.**

11 Subject to section 5, the President is authorized to
12 enter into an agreement with Singapore consistent with
13 the policy described in section 3, and the provisions of sec-
14 tion 151(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2191(c))
15 shall apply with respect to a bill to implement such agree-
16 ment.

17 **SEC. 5. INTRODUCTION AND FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION**
18 **OF IMPLEMENTING BILL.**

19 (a) INTRODUCTION IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 AND SENATE.—When the President submits to Congress
21 a bill to implement a trade agreement described in section
22 4, the bill shall be introduced (by request) in the House
23 of Representatives and the Senate as described in section
24 151(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2191(c)).

1 (b) PERMISSIBLE CONTENT IN IMPLEMENTING LEG-
2 ISLATION.—A bill to implement a trade agreement de-
3 scribed in section 4 shall contain provisions that are nec-
4 essary to implement the trade agreement, and may include
5 trade-related labor and environmental protection stand-
6 ards.

7 (c) APPLICABILITY OF FAST TRACK PROCEDURES.—
8 Section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2191)
9 is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “section 5
11 of the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agree-
12 ment Act of 1999,” after “the Omnibus Trade and
13 Competitiveness Act of 1988,”; and

14 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “or under
15 section 5 of the United States-Singapore Free Trade
16 Agreement Act of 1999,” after “the Uruguay Round
17 Agreements Act,”.

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